

House Resolution No. 636

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the life and lifetime achievements of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Ovie Snell, a cherished resident of Doniphan, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of his Ninety-sixth Birthday with a festive celebration held on Walnut Street; and

Whereas, Ovie Snell came into this world on September 7, 1907, as the tiny infant son born to proud and loving parents James and Julia Benson Snell, who welcomed him into this world as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Ovie Snell received his high school education and embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in his life when he married his beloved Barbara Sadorf, a kind and loving woman with whom he shared the love and affection of two fine children, Jim Snell and Katherine Thomas; and

Whereas, the owner and driver of Midget and Indy cars in the 1930s and 1940s, Ovie Snell provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through many years of tireless endeavor as an automobile mechanic who owned a garage and service station and generously distributed gas stamps to anyone in the military and gave tires to OPA during World War II; and

Whereas, an avid fisherman and golfer who boasts three holes in one, Ovie Snell attended several special schools on automobiles and distinguished himself as an Indianapolis 500 owner and driver with the Old Timers Club; and

Whereas, a devout member of the First Christian Church, Ovie Snell faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing his experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with his six grandchildren and his nine great-grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Ovie Snell as he proudly celebrates ninety-six years of achievement, and in wishing him tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as he continues his journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ovie Snell and for his children.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 636, adopted February 18, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker